

Class 8 Dual Credit-Only Postsecondary Faculty License

10.57.102 Definitions

(number TBD)"Dual Credit-Only Postsecondary Faculty" means:

- (a) Qualified faculty employed by a regionally accredited postsecondary institution are defined as those individuals who:
 - i) meet all qualifications for faculty set forth by the Board of Regents, the regional accreditation organization and the employing institution;
 - ii) have entered into a contractual relationship with the employing institution to assume formal teaching responsibilities for the course begin offered for dual credit.
- (b) The regionally accredited postsecondary institution shall have hired the applicant through a process that includes all of the following:
 - i) reference checks;
 - ii) verification of the educational attainment level and experience appropriate and required for the discipline and the institution; and
 - iii) compliance with prevailing institution, system, and state policies, regulations, and laws.
- (c) In addition to any postsecondary teaching assignments, an individual licensed as a dual credit-only postsecondary faculty pursuant to Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.437 is limited to teaching dual credit courses in his/her endorsed area to Montana high school students.

10.57.201 General Provisions to Issue Licenses

- 4) Applicants for initial Class 8 dual credit-only postsecondary faculty licensure shall meet requirements of (NEW) Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.437.
- 5) Applicants shall meet all other nonacademic requirements for licensure in Montana pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §20-4-104 (b), Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.201 (4) and 10.57.201A.

10.57.437(NEW) Class 8 Dual Credit-Only Postsecondary Faculty License

- 1) A faculty member of a postsecondary institution is required to hold a Class 8 dual credit license, unless already licensed Class 1, 2 or 4 and properly endorsed, whenever a faculty member is teaching a course for which one or more students will earn both high school and college credit.
- 2) The license is valid for five years:
 - a) as long as the license holder is a faculty member of a regionally accredited postsecondary institution,
 - b) only for the delivery of courses that fall within an endorsable major or minor, or the equivalent, held by the faculty member; and
 - c) only when teaching dual credit courses within the role and scope of their duties assigned by the employing postsecondary institution.
- 3) To obtain a Class 8 dual credit-only postsecondary faculty license, an applicant shall provide the following:
 - a) Verification of faculty employment from the Chief Academic Officer or an appropriate official of the employing regionally accredited postsecondary institution that the Class 8 licensure applicant fulfills one of the positions listed in 10.57.102 (number TBD) (a) (i) through (vi) in his/her role of teaching a dual credit course at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution; and
 - b) Recommendation from the appropriate official from a Montana or NCATE accredited professional educator preparation program stating all of the following:

- i) Applicant has earned a major or minor or the equivalent in one of the endorsable teaching areas as set forth in 10.57.301; and
 - ii) Applicant is competent, pursuant to Admin. R. Mont. 10.58.501, as demonstrated by the applicant's satisfaction of criteria set forth in a rubric developed and published by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) in consultation with K-12 education and higher education; and
 - c) Compliance with all other non-academic requirements for licensure as required by Mont. Code Ann. §20-4-104 (b), Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.102 (4) and 10.57.102A.
- 4) A Class 8 dual credit-only postsecondary faculty license shall be renewed pursuant to the requirements of Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.215.
 - 5) A Class 8 licensee shall not be an employee of an accredited K-12 school or school district.

NOTES:

The renewal requirements of 10.57.215 are 60 renewal units earned during the valid period of the license. For those with graduate degrees, instruction of relevant higher education courses, based on the academic credit of the course, is acceptable (1 semester credit = 15 renewal units, total of 60 units or 4 semester credits required).

See ARM 10.57.102 (7) for definition of appropriate official referenced in draft Admin. R. Mont. 10.57.437 (3) (b)